



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT  
PIPELINE SAFETY ENGINEER  
OPEN-NONPROMOTIONAL



CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT - AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, SEX, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION, AGE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.  
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IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE STATE WORKPLACE. ANY APPLICANT FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, BECAUSE THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE, THE RULES GOVERNING CIVIL SERVICE, AND THE SPECIAL TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

DEPARTMENTAL FOR	Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
POSITIONS EXIST	Statewide		
WHO SHOULD APPLY	Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications. This is an open-nonpromotional examination. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis.		
HOW TO APPLY	<p>Applications (STD 678) are available through the internet at <a href="http://www.spb.ca.gov">http://www.spb.ca.gov</a> and at the testing office shown below. Applications (STD 678) may be delivered in person or by mail. <b>Note:</b> Applications <b>will not</b> be accepted via e-mail. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD. Please submit:</p> <table><tr><td><b>By Mail to:</b> Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Exam Unit – (Attn: Tiffany Harris) P.O. Box 944246 Sacramento, California 94244-2460</td><td><b>In Person to:</b> Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Exam Unit – (Attn: Tiffany Harris) 1300 U Street Sacramento, California 95818</td></tr></table>	<b>By Mail to:</b> Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Exam Unit – (Attn: Tiffany Harris) P.O. Box 944246 Sacramento, California 94244-2460	<b>In Person to:</b> Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Exam Unit – (Attn: Tiffany Harris) 1300 U Street Sacramento, California 95818
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FINAL FILING DATE	Applications must be postmarked no later than <b>April 23, 2009</b> . Applications postmarked after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.		
EXAMINATION DATES	Qualifications Appraisal Interview: It is anticipated that interviews will be held during <b>June/July 2009</b> .		
SALARY RANGE	<p>Range A: \$3931 - \$4552 Range B: \$4129 - \$5223 Range C: \$4974 - \$6295</p> <p><u>Range A:</u> This range shall apply to incumbents who do not meet the criteria for payment in Range B.</p> <p><u>Range B:</u> This range shall apply to incumbents who have either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Satisfactorily completed one year as a Pipeline Safety Engineer, Range A, or</li><li>2. Two years of experience performing responsible engineering duties in hazardous liquid, petroleum, or natural gas pipeline safety or enforcement.</li></ol> <p><u>Range C:</u> This range shall apply to incumbents who have either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Satisfactorily completed one year as a Pipeline Safety Engineer, Range B, or</li><li>2. Three years of experience performing responsible engineering duties in hazardous liquid, petroleum, or natural gas pipeline safety or enforcement.</li></ol>		
SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS	If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.		

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**Pipeline Safety Engineer**  
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**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

A departmental eligible list will be established for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This list will be abolished 12 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ADMITTANCE TO THE  
EXAMINATION**

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for the examination by **April 23, 2009**, the final filing date.

**NOTE:** Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

All applications/resumes must include "from" and "to" employment dates (month/day/year), time base, and applicable civil service class titles. Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.

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**MINIMUM  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Equivalent to graduation from college with a major in civil, chemical, mechanical, or petroleum engineering. (Registration as a senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent before they can be considered eligible for appointment.) Work experience performing responsible engineering duties in hazardous liquid, petroleum, or natural gas pipeline safety or enforcement may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.

**NOTE: APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR FOUR-YEAR DEGREE INDICATING THE MAJOR AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS SHOWING THEIR FOUR-YEAR DEGREE (INCLUDING MAJOR) WAS OBTAINED, WITH THEIR APPLICATION. IF YOU ARE REGISTERED AS A SENIOR IN A RECOGNIZED INSTITUTION, PLEASE PROVIDE A LETTER ON LETTERHEAD FROM THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SIGNED BY THE DEAN OR REGISTRAR CONFIRMING THAT YOU ARE A REGISTERED SENIOR.**

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**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This is the entry, training, and full journey level in the series. Under close supervision, incumbents learn and perform the more routine and less complex technical review and inspection work. Under general supervision, as a full journey level, incumbents independently perform the more difficult and complex field and office technical review and inspection work for the enforcement of pipeline safety laws and regulations.

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**EXAMINATION  
INFORMATION**

The examination will consist of a qualifications appraisal interview weighted 100%. The interview will include a number of predetermined job-related questions. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview. **COMPETITORS WHO DO NOT APPEAR FOR THE INTERVIEW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

The department may utilize a structured interview format as conditions warrant.

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**QUALIFICATIONS  
APPRAISAL INTERVIEW  
(Weighted 100%)**

Scope:

- A. Ability to:
1. Make engineering computations.
  2. Analyze data.
  3. Prepare charts and graphs.
  4. Establish and promote cooperative relations with those contacted in the work environment.
  5. Communicate effectively at a level required for successful job performance.
  6. Prepare clear, concise, and well-documented reports.
  7. Analyze situations accurately, identify problems, and recommend effective courses of action.
- B. Skills to:
1. Logically review facts to determine solutions.
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**Pipeline Safety Engineer**  
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<b>SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Stand and/or sit for long periods of time, bend, stoop, or stretch as necessary to successfully complete assignments; willingness to work statewide and out of state as needed; willingness to work evenings, weekends, holidays, and be on 24-hour call to respond to pipeline emergencies as needed; wear job-related protective clothing and other safety equipment; flexibility with changes to work schedule and working conditions; alertness and keenness of observation to maintain personal and public safety; and maintain proper personal hygiene.
<b>FELONY DISQUALIFICATION</b>	Pursuant to Government Code Section 1029, persons convicted of a felony are disqualified from employment as peace officers except as provided under Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1179(b), or Division 2.5, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1772(b). Except as provided for by these statutes, persons convicted of a felony are not eligible to compete for, or be appointed to, positions in this class.
<b>BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION INFORMATION</b>	Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031, persons successful in peace officer examinations shall be required to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to appointment. Persons who have previously undergone a Department of Forestry and Fire Protection background investigation may be required to undergo an additional background investigation.
<b>CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT</b>	Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031(a), in order to be a peace officer, a person must be either a U.S. citizen or be a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. citizenship. Any permanent resident alien who is employed as a peace officer shall be disqualified from holding that position if his/her application for citizenship is denied.
<b>AGE REQUIREMENT</b>	Existing law provides that a peace officer must be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment.
<b>EDUCATION REQUIREMENT</b>	Existing law provides that a peace officer must be a high school graduate, pass the General Education Development (GED) Test including high school graduation level, pass the California High School Proficiency Examination, or have attained a two-year or four-year degree from an accredited college or university.
<b>VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDITS</b>	Veterans' preference credits will be added to the final score for all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested these points. <b>VETERANS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERAN'S CREDITS.</b>
<b>CAREER CREDITS</b>	Three career credits will be added to the final score of all competitors in this examination who qualify for the credits and attain a passing mark on the examination. (See "General Information" on this bulletin for information regarding career credits.)
<b>CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY</b>	Pursuant to Government Code Sections 19680(c) and 19681(b) it is unlawful to copy and/or furnish confidential examination material for the purpose of either improving or injuring the chances of any person or to obtain examination questions or other examination material before, during, or after an examination. Every person violating these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor, and adverse action will be pursued. This may result in the person being barred from competition in future examinations, withheld from certification lists, or cancellation of eligibility for employment in state civil service.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**For an examination** without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Examination Unit of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, (916) 445-7824, three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

**If a candidate's notice** of written examination or oral interview fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the written test or interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

**Applications** are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

**If you meet the requirements**, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned changed. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

**Examination Locations:** Ordinarily, qualifications appraisal interviews are scheduled in Sacramento and Riverside. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin. In the case of continuous testing examinations, names are merged onto the appropriate lists in order of final test scores (except as modified by veterans' preference credits) regardless of the date of the test and the resulting eligible lists will be used only to fill vacancies in the area shown on the bulletin.

**Promotional Examinations Only:** Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235 and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 233, 234, 235, 235.2 and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the Information Counter of the State Personnel Board in Sacramento.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

**Interview Scope:** If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plan for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

**Veterans' Preference Credits:** California law allows granting of veterans' preference credits in open entrance examinations and open-nonpromotional examinations. Credit in open entrance examinations is granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Credit in open-nonpromotional examinations is granted as follows: 5 points for veterans; and 10 points for disabled veterans. Directions for applying for veterans' preference credits are on the Veteran Preference Application (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

**Career Credits:** In open-nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) state employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the state who are exempt from state civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in or are graduates of the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in state civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the Examination Application form STD. 678. (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California.)

**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

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1 (800) 735-2929 (TT/TDD) 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice)

STS is Speech-to-Speech Service for persons with a speech disability and is reachable at

1 (800) 854-7784 (California) or 1 (800) 947-8642 (Nationwide)